#### **CHAPTER NO. 788**

# **SENATE BILL NO. 2190**

# By Crowe, Dixon, Haynes, Williams

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2347

#### **By Givens**

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the educational benefits for certain veterans and dependants of veterans.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(c)(3), is amended by deleting subdivisions (B) through (E) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:
  - (B) Navy Expeditionary Medal;
  - (C) Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal;
  - (D) Combat Action Ribbon (Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard);
  - (E) Army Combat Infantryman Badge;
  - (F) Kosovo Campaign Medal with at least one (1) bronze star appurtenance for specific military campaign participation by the veteran;
  - (G) Southwest Asia Service Medal with at least one (1) bronze star appurtenance for specific military campaign participation by the veteran;
  - (H) Vietnam Service Medal with at least one (1) bronze star appurtenance for specific military campaign participation by the veteran; or
  - (I) United States Department of Defense Prisoner of War Medal for former prisoners of war.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(b)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the language and punctuation "circumstances; or" and by substituting instead the language "circumstances as appropriate; or".
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(b)(2), is amended in the second sentence by deleting the language "or former missing in action service member".
- SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-104(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:
- (7) A student veteran classified as a resident for tuition and fee purposes under the Academic Common Market Agreement is eligible for deferment of tuition and fees under this section.
- SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-104(a)(1), is amended by deleting at the end of the second sentence the language "made at a later date" and by

substituting instead the language "made no later than fourteen (14) days following the start of the term".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-113(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(4) A student who is receiving services under federal or state vocational rehabilitation programs is not eligible for a waiver of tuition and fee benefits under this section.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 22, 2002

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002

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